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Title : METHOD OF USE OF DEVICE AND A DEVICE FOR  
RAISING AND SUPPORTING ONE OR MORE TESTES  
OF A PATIENT DURING ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION  
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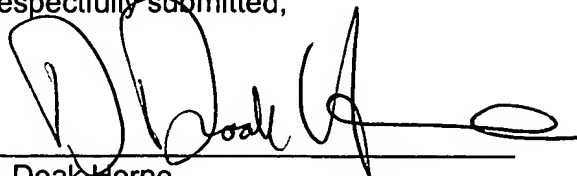
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